

**COMMISSIONER MEETING**  
**515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644**  
**October 26, 2020**

Commissioner Darrel Folkvord called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Laura Obert and Mike Delger were present, as well as, Wynn Meehan, Doug Ellis, Nichole Brown and Helen Coleman.

This meeting was held via conference call. It was closed to the public, available for public comment and viewing via YouTube.

Public comment is the opinion of citizens and does not necessarily reflect accurately on Broadwater County actions, operations, policy, practice or processes.

Public comment: None at this time.

Announcements: Darrel Folkvord read a message from Teresa Monson, the Public Health Nurse. Broadwater County currently has fifty-two cases. Because Broadwater county is experiencing community spread of COVID-19, the staff's capacity to manage daily contact tracing has been exceeded. At this time, the calls will be limited to those contacts that are high risk or immune compromised. Providers can help by advising each person that comes in for testing and self identifies as a contact, to quarantine for fourteen days after the date of last exposure to the case.

Claims to Pay: In the amount of \$127, 092.04. Mike Delger made a motion to pay the claims at the said amount. Laura Obert advised she declines to second the motion. Darrel Folkvord seconded the motion to the pay the claims. Two of the three Commissioners voted to approve the motion. Motion carried. Laura Obert requested that it be recorded, for the belief, that she sustains.

Independent contract agreement with Billings Clinic to provide detention nurse services: Wynn Meehan stated this consists of fifteen to twenty hours per week, at the rate of \$29.00 per hour. The name of the Nurse in the contract is Linda. Wynn Meehan stated she is doing a great job. Laura Obert moved to sign the contract. Mike Delger seconded the motion. Motion carried to sign the contract with Billings Clinic, to provide detention nurse services.

CRS Inmate Access Medical Insurance agreement: Wynn Meehan has requested to continue this insurance agreement, at the amount of \$ .91 per inmate/per day, along with the optional security and guardian coverage, at the amount of \$ .06 per inmate/per day. The Pregnancy insurance coverage is not requested at this time. Wynn Meehan shared a couple of testimonies of inmates that were hospitalized for lengthy periods of time, requiring around the clock supervision at the medical facility. Medical costs for these detainees' do add up quickly. Laura Obert advised that it be known, this medical insurance agreement is for Broadwater County inmates only, not for those from other counties. Inmates from another county, is provided that option from that county. Mike Delger made a motion to accept the agreement. Laura Obert seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Great West Engineering: Nichole Brown stated, the engineer selection committee met and reviewed the five engineer submittals. Two of the engineers were scheduled for in person interviews. After careful consideration and deliberation, the selection committee chose to recommend to the commissioners that they award the contract for on-call engineering services to Great West Engineering. The selection committee consisted of the following six members: Nichole Brown, Mike Myers, Darrel Folkvord, Mike Delger, Al Christopherson, and Josh Obert. Mike Delger made a motion to accept Great West Engineering as the On-Call engineer. Laura Obert seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Elections: Doug Ellis stated the Elections will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM, at the 4-H Building, located at the Fairgrounds. There will currently be nine election judges. Absentee ballots continue to be received. Late Registration is to be closed at 5:00 pm, this day, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Ballots will no longer be mailed, after this date. Doug Ellis also mentioned more election judges would be helpful. Training is still available. Extra help is also needed for cleaning and sanitizing the election booths.

Concessionaire Agreement: Darrel Folkvord forwarded a letter, that will be sent to Sharon Walker, regarding the concessionaire agreement. This agreement will not be automatically renewed. Laura Obert advised that because the letter requires action, the letter is required to be added to the agenda, noticed, published, and processed by the public.

Airport Fund: An email was received, by Mike Delger, regarding the Airport Fund. Hill County is refusing to pay this fund. Darrel Folkvord responded: The email was forwarded on to Cory Swanson. Cory Swanson will be contacting the Hill County Attorney, to gather more information regarding this situation. This funding is crucial, in completing the upcoming project of 2023.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 2nd, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The tentative plan is to resume public meetings, with the protocols in place. This will be limited to those individuals on the Agenda.

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Darrel Folkvord, Chair

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Attest:  
Ann Rauser, Deputy Clerk and Recorder